

Introduced by Senator Walters

December 19, 2014

An act to amend Section 13996.41 of the Government Code, relating to state government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 53, as introduced, Walters. Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development.

Existing law requires the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) to develop and implement an International Trade and Investment Program and authorizes the director of GO-Biz to establish international trade and investment offices, as specified.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 13996.41 of the Government Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 13996.41. (a) The Governor's Office of Business and
- 4 Economic Development shall develop and implement an
- 5 International Trade and Investment Program that does all of the
- 6 following:
- 7 (1) Attracts employment-producing direct foreign investment
- 8 to the state.

1 (2) Provides support for California businesses in accessing
2 international markets, including assistance to increase California
3 exports.

4 (3) Engages in other international trade or foreign investment
5 activities assigned by the Governor.

6 (b) The Director of the Governor's Office of Business and
7 Economic Development may establish and terminate international
8 trade and investment offices outside of the United States as he or
9 she determines is appropriate if the requirements of Section
10 13996.65 are satisfied.

11 (c) This section shall not be construed to confer powers or
12 impose duties upon the Governor's Office of Business and
13 Economic Development that conflict with any powers conferred
14 or duties imposed upon the Department of Food and Agriculture
15 with respect to the promotion of California agriculture, fish, or
16 forest exports.

17 (d) The Governor's Office of Business and Economic
18 Development shall develop a conflict-of-interest and gift policy
19 that applies to the Governor's Office of Business and Economic
20 Development and all international trade and investment offices
21 established by ~~it~~ *the office*.

22 (e) Any international trade and investment office established
23 by the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development
24 may be funded in whole or in part by nonstate funds.

25 (f) The Governor's Office of Business and Economic
26 Development may contract with a nonprofit entity to operate an
27 international trade and investment office. The contract shall, among
28 other provisions, require the nonprofit entity to provide the
29 Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development
30 information sufficient to satisfy the reporting requirements in
31 subdivision (c) of Section 13997 within 30 days of receipt by the
32 nonprofit entity of each donation used to fund an international
33 trade and investment office.